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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the above application in view of the above amendments and the remarks below is requested.

With the above amendments, a typographical error has been corrected in the specification at page 10, lines 7 to 11; claims 1, 2, 5, 8, 11, 12, 13, 26, and 30 were amended; claims 4, 7, and 10 were canceled; and new claims 34 and 35 were added. As the claims that were canceled were dependent claims and previously paid for and the new added claims are dependent claims, applicants are of the opinion that no additional claim fees are due.

With regard to the amendment to the specification, applicant has noticed a typographical error in that when k is 1, the formula is $C_{10}H_{16}$, which is adamantane; when k is 2, the formula is $C_{14}H_{20}$, which is diamantane; when k is 3, the formula is $C_{18}H_{24}$, which is triamantane and so forth. Support can be found for this correction at page 10, lines 12 to 18, which shows the IUPAC numbering system for diamantane and triamantane. See also Marchand, Alan P., *Science*, Vol. 299, 3 January 2003, pp 52-53, which was submitted with applicant's IDS dated November 23, 2004, where one skilled in the art would understand that the above was a typographical error.

In the Office Action, the Patent Office reconsidered the restriction requirement issued on January 14, 2005 and has withdrawn the restriction requirement.

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In the Office Action, the Patent Office rejected claims 1 to 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite; referring to claims 1, 26, and 30 wherein applicant used the term "higher adamantane". With the above amendments, this rejection is traversed and withdrawal thereof is requested.

Also in the Office Action, the Patent Office rejected claims 1 to 4, 14 to 27, 30 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Rahman et al (United States Patent No. 6447980). With the above amendments, this rejection is traversed and withdrawal thereof is requested.

Applicant also submits a one (1) month extension of time.

Applicant submits that the concerns of the Patent Office have been addressed. Withdrawal of the rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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